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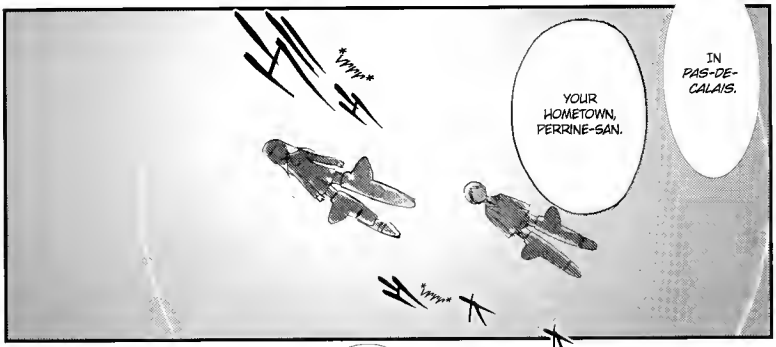
Paris
1944
Half a year after the liberation of Gallia
PLEASE LEAVE!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
Perrine Clos-termann, at the Gallian Recon-struction Fund Office
NOT ONLY ARE SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS NEEDED, BUT THERE ARE STILL SO MANY PEOPLE WHO DO NOT EVEN HAVE HOMES OR FOOD TO EAT EVERYDAY...
THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THIS FUND CONTROLS MAY SEEN LIKE A LARGE SUM, BUT IT'S JUST A TINY AMOUNT OF WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THE RECON-STRUCTION OF GALLIA.
SERIOUSLY, WHAT DO THEY THINK THIS FUND IS FOR?
A SALES VISIT. HE ASKED IF I WANTED TO BUILD BRONZE STATUE OF MYSELF...
WHAT WAS THAT?

BY THE WAY, LYNNE-SAN, WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
AH!
THE NEURO! IN ROMAGNA ARE ON THE MOVE...
SO THERE ARE NUMBER OF RELATED DISPATCHES FROM MILITARY HEADQUARTERS...
AND ONE OF THEM IS AN INVESTIGATION.


IN *PAS-DE-CALAIS*.
YOUR HOMETOWN, PERRINE-SAN.
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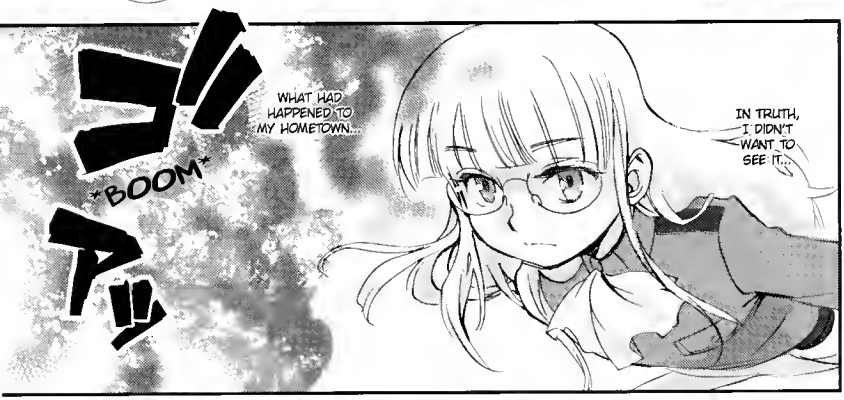
PERRINE-SAN, YOU HAVEN'T GONE BACK SINCE *GALLIA* WAS LIBERATED, RIGHT?
HOW COULD A LORD WHO WAS UNABLE TO PROTECT HIS OWN LANDS DARE TO SHOW HIS FACE THERE?
BUT ON TOP OF THE MONEY DISTRIBUTED FAIRLY FROM THE RECONSTRUCTION FUND, YOU ADDED YOUR OWN ENTIRE FORTUNE INTO THE FUNDS FOR *PAS-DE-CALAIS*...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WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO MY HOMETOWN...
IN TRUTH, I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE IT...

Pas-de-Calais,
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IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HANNA.
MILADY!
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT! AND YOU LOOK WELL...
I NOW TAKE CARE OF THE CHILDREN AT THE ORPHANAGE, BUT I'M ACTUALLY JUST THE OLDEST ORPHAN...
MY FAMILY HAS SERVED THE CLOSTERMANNS FOR GENERATIONS.
I'VE MISSED YOU SO MUCH.

PERRINE-SAMA.
BUT THE CASTLE WAS...
DO YOU REMEMBER ME? I'M THE ARNOUX, WHO RAN THE SPECTACLE SHOP.
I'M THE VILLAGE CHIEF NOW TOO.
IT'S CLOS-TERMANN CASTLE.
THE ORPHAN-AGE?
IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE OLDER KIDS WOULD LOOK AFTER THE YOUNGER ONES...
THE ADULTS ARE ALL BUSY WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION, SO EVEN THE CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE STILL ALIVE STILL MOSTLY STICK WITH US.
IN THE GRAVE-YARD?
THEY HAVE GRAVES?
WILL YOU VISIT YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER'S GRAVES?
YOU'VE FINALLY COME BACK.

THE FIRST THING ON RETURN-ING...
FATHER.
MOTHER.
IT'S PIERRETTE. I'M BACK.
MUST IT BE DONE?

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crackle
BUT SHE HAS SUCH BEAUTIFUL EYES...
YES.
BUT...
THIS CHILD IS THE WITCH OF THE CLOS-TERMANNS... SO SHE MUST FLY.
AS A WITCH, THIS GIRL HAS ALREADY BEEN BLESSED WITH A SWORN FRIEND.
TO FULFILL HER DUTY, SHE MUST MAKE A CONTRACT.
AND A PRICE MUST BE PAID FOR THAT.
BUT SHE'S STILL SO YOUNG...
I WAS THE SAME AGE.

PLEASE DON'T BE SAD.
THE LIFE OF A WITCH IS A RICH ONE.
...
...AT LEAST ALLOW ME TO GET ARNOUX TO MAKE HER A GOOD PAIR OF GLASSES.
AND PLEASE INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MARIGOLD SEEDLINGS TOO...
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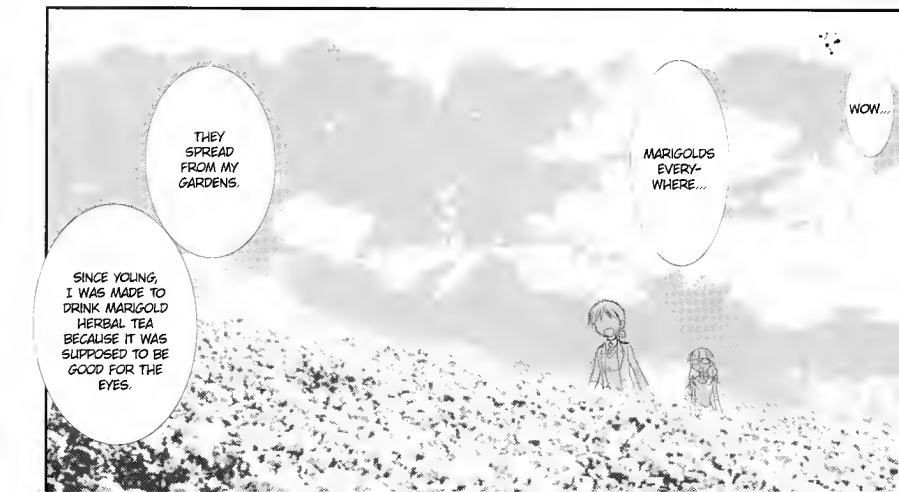
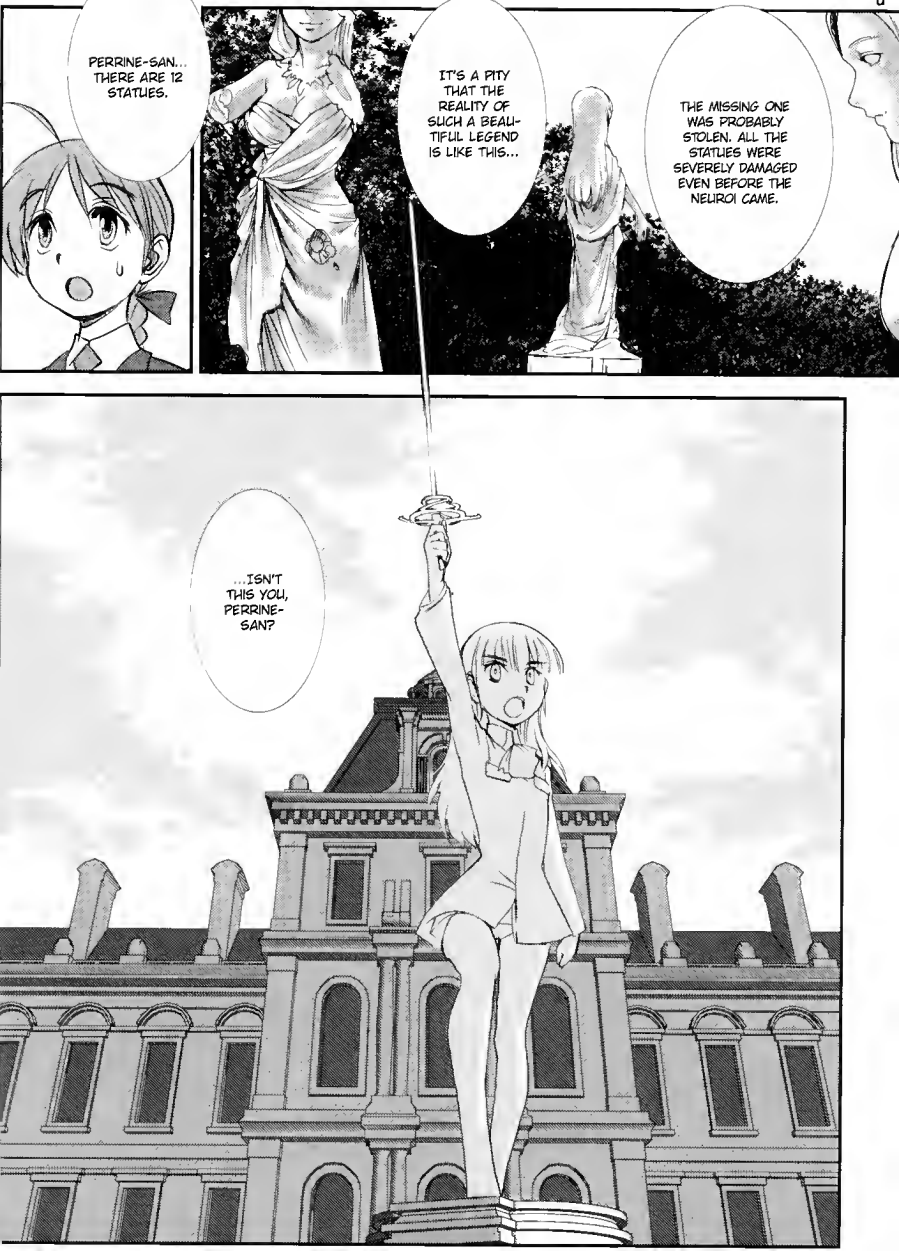

WOW...
MARIGOLDS EVERY-WHERE...
THEY SPREAD FROM MY GARDENS.
SINCE YOLING, I WAS MADE TO DRINK MARIGOLD HERBAL TEA BECAUSE IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE GOOD FOR THE EYES.

THE 12 ANGEL STATUES IN THIS GARDEN ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN MODELLED ON THE PAST LADIES OF THE CASTLE.
BECAUSE THEIR CRAFTSMEN ARE UNKNOWN... IT IS ALSO SAID THAT THEY WERE GIFTS FROM ANGELS WHEN EACH LORD WAS FINALLY RECOGNIZED AS A TRUE AND PROPER RULER...
THEY WERE ALSO SUPPOSED TO COME TO LIFE AND REPEL ANY DISASTER WHICH VISITS THIS LAND...
BUT THEY DIDN'T PROTECT US FROM THE NEUROI.
WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I TOO HAD HOPED THAT I WOULD ONE DAY BE GIFTED AN ANGEL STATUE, BUT...
THEY'RE LIKE THE 501ST.
WERE THERE 11 PEOPLE IN THE 501ST?
"THE TWELVE ANGELS." EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE 12 PEDES-TALS, THERE ARE ONLY 11 STATUES.


PERRINE-SAN... THERE ARE 12 STATUES.
IT'S A PITY THAT THE REALITY OF SUCH A BEAUTIFUL LEGEND IS LIKE THIS...
THE MISSING ONE WAS PROBABLY STOLEN. ALL THE STATUES WERE SEVERELY DAMAGED EVEN BEFORE THE NEUROI CAME.
...ISN'T THIS YOU, PERRINE-SAN?

ON THAT DAY, I SAW THE CASTLE COLLAPSE WITH MY OWN EYES...
THIS STATUE WASN'T HERE BEFORE...
WHAT...? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
SO I SOLD IT WITHOUT EVEN GOING BACK TO LOOK AT IT. THE PRICE WAS REALLY CHEAP, BUT I DONATED THE MONEY TO THIS VILLAGE.

IT WAS THE VILLAGE THAT BOUGHT IT. IT COST JUST ABOUT AS MUCH AS WE HAD RECEIVED FROM YOU, PERRINE-SAMA.
THOSE WHO RETURNED AND HAD NO PLACE TO LIVE HAD HOMES.
THEY HAD SCHOOLS. HOSPITALS. CHURCHES.
IT HAD BECOME SMALLER, BUT IT WAS THE SAME VILLAGE OF OLD.
HEY, ISN'T THAT PERRINE-SAMA?
OH MY, IT REALLY IS.

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chatter
EVERYONE IS OKAY!
PERRINE-SAMA, DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
OF COURSE!
IT'S THANKS TO PERRINE-SAMA THAT I MADE IT BACK.
YOU LOOK WELL.
I'LL GO GET EVERYONE HERE RIGHT NOW!
I'M REALLY SURPRISED... THE RECON-STRUCTION HAS BEEN DONE SO QUICKLY...
ESPECIALLY THE CASTLE, I ALMOST CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
THAT'S DUE TO OUR ENDLESS WORK.
THE ANGELS LENT US STRENGTH.
OF COURSE, WE HAD TO WORK HARD TOO.
ANGELS?
YES, BUT NO-ONE HAS SEEN THEM. DON'T YOU KNOW HOW IT WORKS?

ON NIGHTS WITH A FULL MOON, IT IS FORBIDDEN TO ENTER THE GARDEN OF ANGELS.
THE ANGELS DRAW ON THE POWER OF THE MOON AND WIELD THEIR MAGICS.

ANGELS?
THEY MIGHT BE MISTAKEN AS ANGELS, BUT WITCHES AND ANGELS ARE QUITE DIFFERENT.
HAVE YOU NOTICED, LYNNE-SAN? THE PARTS OF THIS BUILDING BUILT BY THE "ANGELS"...
INSTEAD OF BEING CONSTRUCTED, THEY WERE CARVED OUT.
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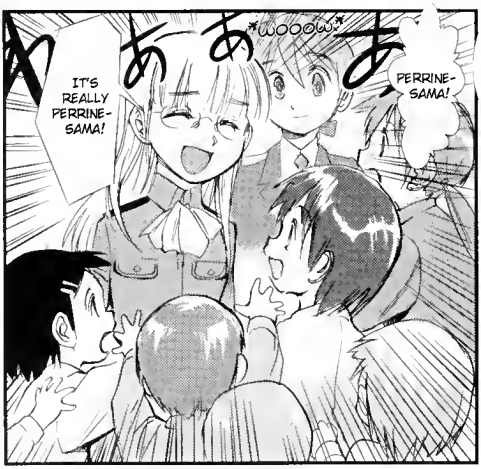
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PERRINE-SAMA!
IT'S REALLY PERRINE-SAMA!

HEY!
.....IT'S PERRINE-SAMA.
EH? NO WAY!

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POW
OH MY...
YOU BRAT! STOP RIGHT THERE!
THE BLUE "PREMIERE", PERRINE CLOSTERMANN...
A SAINT WHO SAVED HER COUNTRY, SHE LOST HER HOMETOWN AND FAMILY TO NEURO! ATTACKS BUT SUCCESSFULLY RECAPTURED GALLIA AS ONE OF THE LEGENDARY 501st WITCHES.
GIRDING HERSELF WITH LIGHTNING, SHE IS A BEAUTIFUL FLOWER WHO BLOSSOMS ON THE BATTLEFIELD.
STOMP STOMP
SHE HAS BEEN PRAISED AS "THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WITCH IN THE WORLD".

SHE'S POPULAR IN THE SOIST TOO.
PERRINE-SAMA IS REALLY POPULAR WITH THE KIDS.
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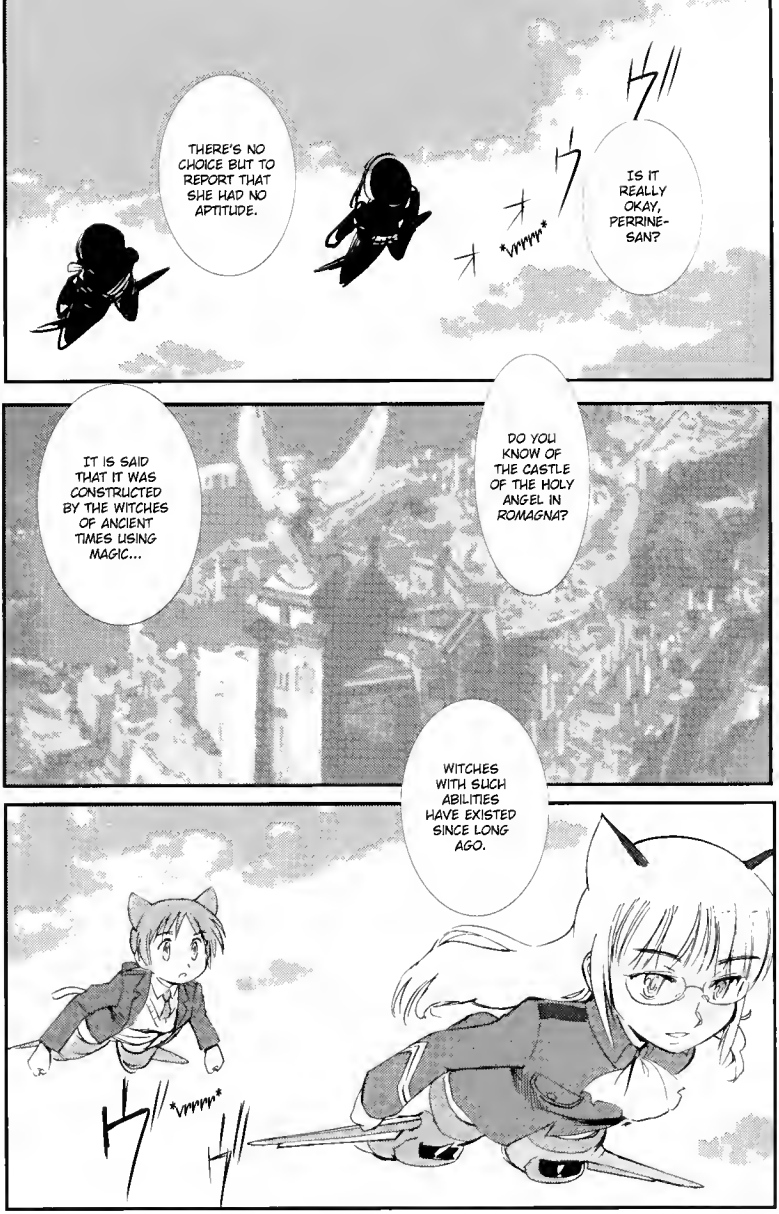
"TUMBLE"
WELL, THOSE KIDS ARE HAPPY TO PLAY WITH ANYONE.
THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN MAKING SUCH A BIG FUSS, BUT THEY MIGHT NOT EVEN KNOW WHO I AM.
THEY GOT BROKEN...
THE KIDS WERE IN REALLY HIGH SPIRITS.
PLEASE LEAVE IT WITH ME.
IT'S ONLY BENT AND CAN BE FIXED QUICKLY.
EVEN CHILDREN KNOW OF "BLUE PREMIERE", THE HEROINE OF GALLIA.
YOU JEST...

...
THEY'RE PERFECT...
THEY WERE GLASSES LEFT HERE BY YOUR MOTHER.
COULD YOU USE THESE FOR TODAY?
IT WAS RECOVERED FROM THE RUBBLE OF THE CASTLE.
AND WHAT'S THIS?
...THE SAME "CONTRACT", I SEE...
MAYBE HE LIKES YOU, PERRINE-SAN?
WHY HAS HE BEEN ACTING LIKE THAT SINCE JUST NOW?
...
That lousy brat...

GO ON, APOLOGIZE.
I CAME TO CATCH HIM.
BONK
I... I'M SORRY.
squeeze
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
RENE, APOLOGIZING IS INDEED THE PROPER THING TO DO.
...
RENE, GO OVER THERE FOR A WHILE.
I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT, HANNA.
I'VE TOLD THE VILLAGE CHIEF ALREADY THAT I'M DECLINING ANY WELCOME FESTIVITIES.

I HAVEN'T COME BACK FOR GOOD.
WE'RE ACTUALLY HEADING TO A BATTLEFIELD AFTER THIS.
I'M ACTUALLY HERE FOR YOU.
WE NEED EVERY SINGLE WITCH WE CAN GET...
I WAS SENT HERE TO REINVESTIGATE GIRLS WHO HAD INCONCLUSIVE MATCH TEST RESULTS, AND ENLIST THEM IF THEY TURN OUT TO BE WITCHES.
I HOPE YOU WILL COME WITH ME.
HANNA.
THE WITCH WHO CAN MANIPULATE STONE... THE "ANGEL" IS YOU, RIGHT?


IS IT REALLY OKAY, PERRINE-SAN?
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THERE'S NO CHOICE BUT TO REPORT THAT SHE HAD NO APTITUDE.
DO YOU KNOW OF THE CASTLE OF THE HOLY ANGEL IN ROMAGNA?
IT IS SAID THAT IT WAS CONSTRUCTED BY THE WITCHES OF ANCIENT TIMES USING MAGIC...
WITCHES WITH SUCH ABILITIES HAVE EXISTED SINCE LONG AGO.
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I FORGOT MY GLASSES.
WITHOUT FLYING OR DOING BATTLE, THE WITCH OF STONE BECAME PART OF THE LAND AND PROTECTED IT...
WITH VARYING LEVELS OF APTITUDE IN EACH GENERATION, IT USED TO BE THAT THE TWO WITCHES SHARED THEIR DUTIES.
AND SO WE WERE WAS UNABLE TO SUCCEED THEM PROPERLY.
THE MOTHERS OF BOTH THAT GIRL AS WELL AS I DIED EARLY...
NO... THAT WAS ACTUALLY HER BATTLE.
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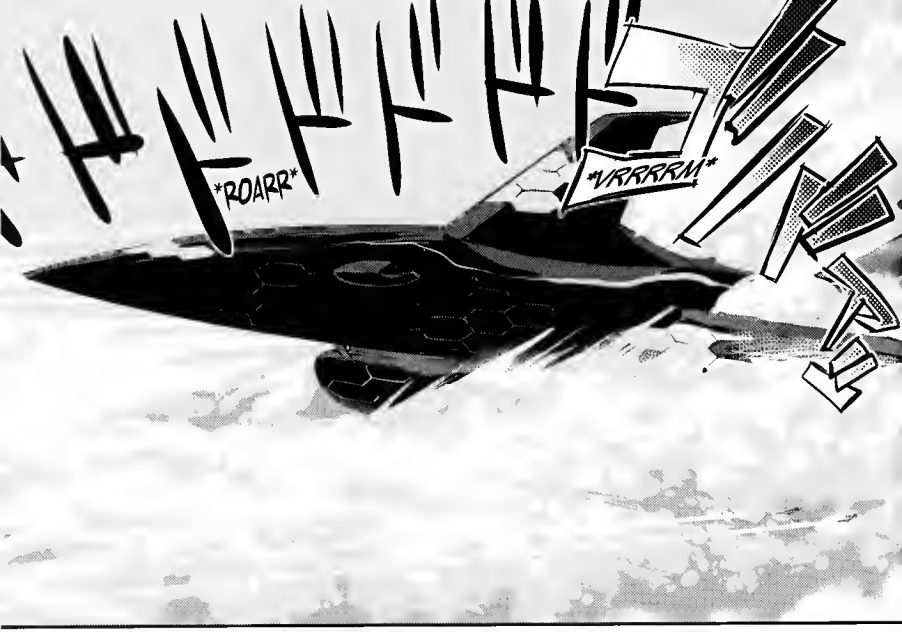
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IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, PERRINÉ-SAN!
WE'RE UNARMED!
I HAVE A WEAPON!
WHY ARE THEY HERE?
NEURO!!
IT'S HEADED FOR PAS-DE-CALAIS!
THEY MUST HAVE LOST THEIR NEST AND GOTTEN LOST!

AH!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD DEFEAT NEURO! WITH JUST A SWORD-...

Noblesse Oblige
(Nobility is bound by duty.)
Noblesse Oblige
SHINKT
Noblesse Oblige
I AM PERRINE CLOS-TERMANN!

—T/N: FRENCH FOR 'THUNDER.'—

ZZT
BZAAP
VZZT
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

IT'S NO USE... BOTH OUR OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE STRENGTH AREN'T ENOUGH!
SHIMMER
ZAP

SHATTER
LYNNE-SAN! LOOK OUT!
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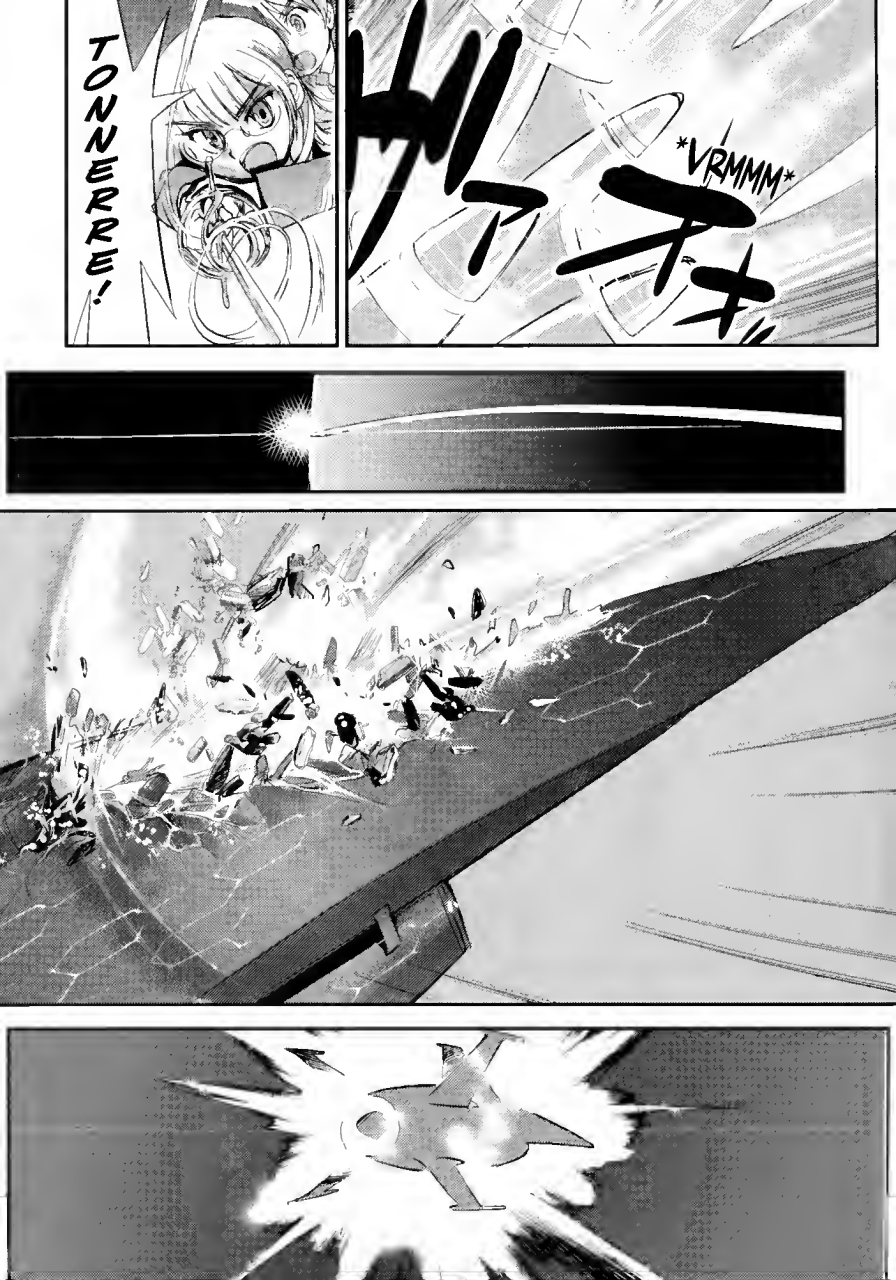
BOOOM

SHINNNNNGGG
grip
IT'S BENDING FROM THE FORCE!
CRACK


TONNERRE!
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MAMAA!
I FLEW!

BRAKOOM
PERRINE-SAN?
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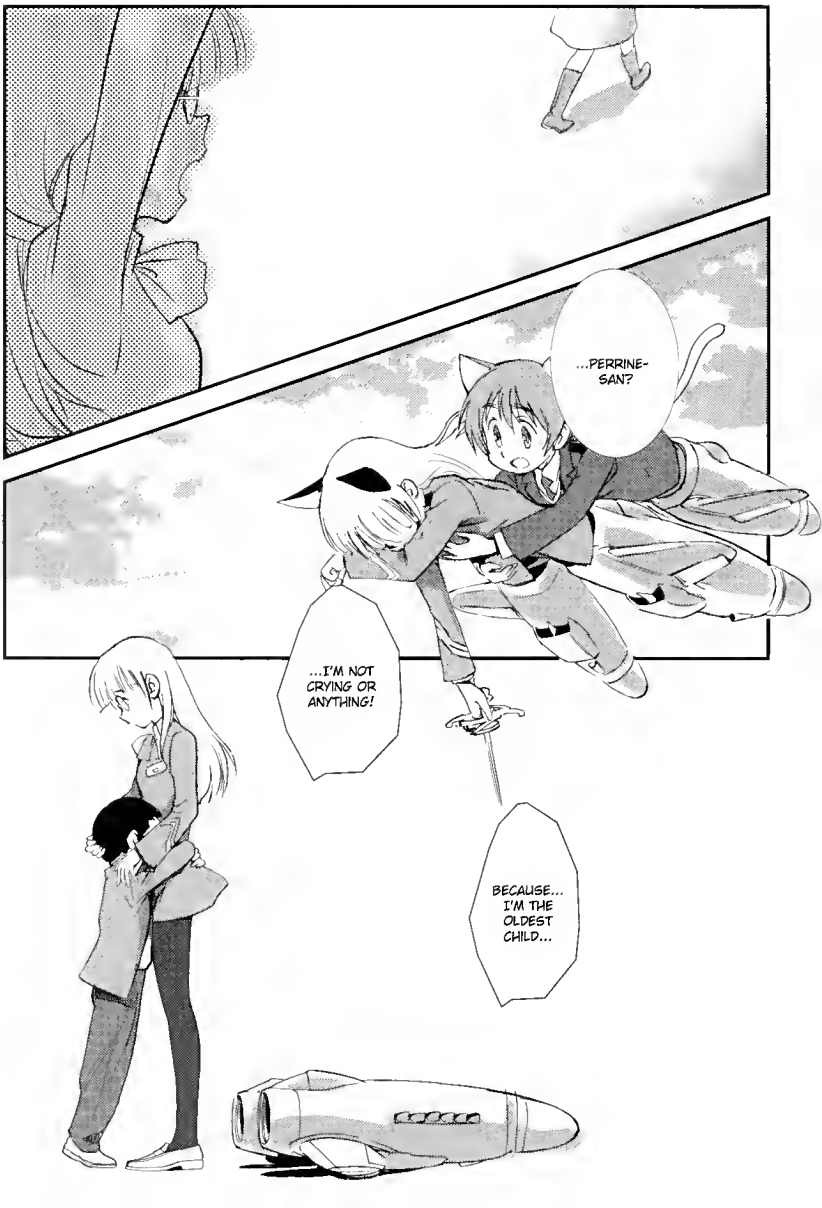
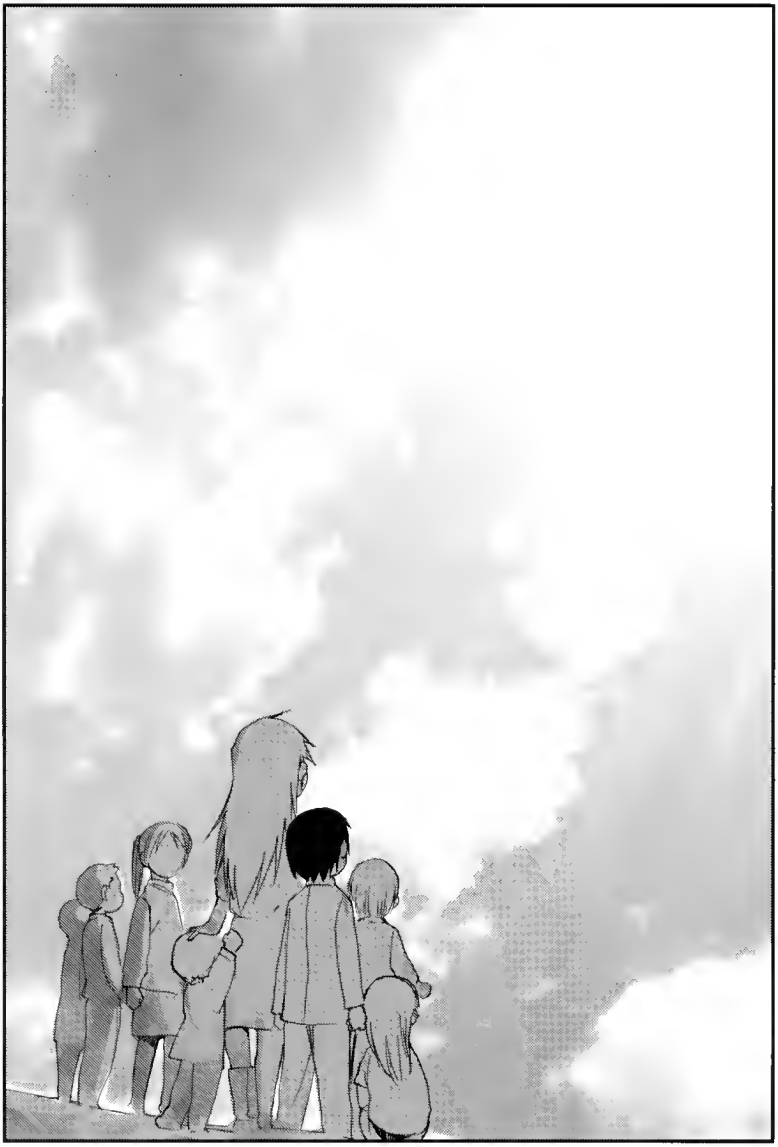
...I THOUGHT, SO ARROGANTLY, THAT I COULD SAVE MY HOME-TOWN ALL BY MYSELF...
EVEN THOUGH IT HAD BEEN SOMEONE ELSE WHO HAD MADE ME FLY...
HANNA ONEE-CHAN~
CRUMBLE


...PERRINE-SAN?
...I'M NOT CRYING OR ANYTHING!
BECAUSE... I'M THE OLDEST CHILD...



IT'S A LONG WAY TO ROMAGNA.
WE SHOULD RENDEZVOUS WITH THE REST OF THE 501ST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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